

Step-by-Step Artists' Share

Please write not less than two (2) whole (complete) sentences for each section (set of questions). Use your responses to help you when you present your artwork to the class. You do not have to answer every single question in each section, just use them to guide your own discussion of your work.

1. Technical Qualities **Care, Craft, & Commitment**

Please explain challenges you faced and discoveries you made about the paint and other tools you used. How long did this painting take you? What was the hardest part? How did you overcome any problems or obstacles you faced? Did you have to compromise anything from your original plan? Do you think that your skills are improving? Why or why not? If so, how? What grade do you feel like you deserve? Why? Justify your answer.

2. Depiction **Describe your subject, setting & palette choices**

Who & what is in your painting? Where & when does it take place? What action is going on? How realistic do you think this image is? Will people be able to immediately recognize your subject easily? Why/Why Not? Why did you choose the color scheme that you did? Could/should you have used more colors? Fewer? Describe the lines, shapes, textures & patterns of your painting.

Design Elements

Line
Color
Shape/Form
Texture/Pattern
Shading/Value
Space

Design Principles

Unity/Harmony
Emphasis/Dominance
Balance
Contrast
Proportion/Scale
Rhythm
Movement
Variety

3. Composition/Design **Capture, Hold, & Direct**

What about your painting draws attention to itself? Do you think that viewers are likely to just glance at your artwork and then lose interest quickly? Or will that become captivated and engaged with it, maintaining interest or curiosity? What will they find interesting about it? Are there things about it that they will want to visually explore? Explain the eyeflow of your painting; how will viewer's eyes travel through it?

4. Expressive Qualities **Personal/Emotional/Meaningful**

How do your use of the elements of design invoke a particular mood in this artwork? Do you think that your use of images or symbols are likely to evoke any memories or associations to popular cultural references for your viewers? How do you anticipate people will react to your work? How had you hoped they would? Is there a feeling or experience you hoped to share with viewers? What would you like your painting to make them think about? What kind of impact do you want to have on your viewers? What impression would you like to leave them with?

Name _____ Date _____

1. Technical Qualities Care, Craft, & Commitment

2. Description Subject & Sensory Elements

3. Analysis of Design Composition & Arrangement

4. Expressive Qualities Content & Meaning
